

IT'S WAR TO THE HAIRPIN.

HOSTILE DOINGS IN A WOMAN'S VETERAN AUXILIARY.

Story: President-General Lewis Attemped to Tear a Badge From the Treasurer-General—New Haven Police to Be on Hand at Today's Session.

New Haven, Conn., Sept. 28.—The women composing the national auxiliary of the National Army and Navy Spanish War Veterans, got into a lively tangle at the opening of the session today. Mrs. Flora Lewis of Washington, the president-general, attempted to tear the badge of the order from Miss Cornelia Clay of Washington, the treasurer-general, according to the latter, who, in turn, threatened to put Mrs. Lewis out of business.

The trouble arose over the suspension of Miss Clay by the president-general and the District of Columbia auxiliary, including Mary Sherman Miles Chapter of Washington on charges of insubordination, contempt and failure to comply with orders issued by the president-general. Mrs. Isabel Worrell Ball, a newspaper woman of Washington, is the acting president of the Mary Sherman Miles Chapter, and she and Miss Clay have come to New Haven to do up the president-general if possible.

Before leaving Washington Mrs. Ball got out an injunction against President-General Lewis and her staff, restraining them from preventing the members of the Mary Sherman Miles Chapter from entering the convention here or voting.

According to Mrs. Ball, Mrs. Lewis escaped out of the rear door of the Logan, an apartment house, where she was stopping, in Washington, while an officer was waiting to serve the summons at the main entrance. She was driven rapidly to the railway station, where a train for the city before Mrs. Ball's officers could head her off.

According to the friends of the president-general, the whole trouble was precipitated by Mrs. Ball, who was incensed because as acting president of District of Columbia auxiliary in the absence of Mrs. Margaret Castle, the president, she was not bidden to a reception given recently by Dr. Anita Newcomb McCrete to Gen. and Mrs. Nelson A. Miles, president of the Mary Sherman Miles Chapter by a special dispensation from the president-general.

Mrs. Ball, according to the friends of the president-general, wrote a bitter attack upon her in the newspapers, accusing her of ignorance and illegal proceedings, commenting on the misfortune of the organization in having for president a woman who did not know better than to do such things, and then sarcastically adding: "As Mrs. Miles, the member initiated, is the wife of the General of the army, I will myself, in my official position as acting president of the district, legalize an illegal proceeding."

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FORGER BECKER FREE.

To Be Freed in Hope of Keeping Him Out of Fugitive Business.

San Francisco, Sept. 28.—Charles Becker, known to detectives the world over as the "King of Forgers" and to criminals as "the Dutchman," walked out of the California State Prison at San Quentin this morning, after serving a seven year sentence for the forgery of a \$23,000 check on the Crocker-Woolworth National Bank of San Francisco. His term was reduced to four and a half years for good conduct.

There is a report that cannot be confirmed that the American Bankers' Association will pension Becker in the hope of keeping him from committing any more forgeries. James R. Branch, secretary of the association, denies this, saying that the association depends upon its detectives to protect its members and not upon a subsidizing criminal.

The crime for which Becker was convicted was the raising of a check from \$12 to \$27,000. Frank S. Seaver, alias A. S. Dean, who escaped punishment by turning State's evidence, planned the affair.

Seaver came here from Chicago in December, 1895, and with him were Becker, Cregan and Joe McCutcher. Dean had about \$5,500. He opened an office, deposited most of his cash in the Nevada Bank, drew small checks, made new deposits and became acquainted with the bank officers.

Then he went to Woodland, a town in the center of a rich grain growing district, and bought a \$12 draft from the bank of Woodland, drawn on its correspondent, the Crocker-Woolworth National Bank of San Francisco. This draft he brought to San Francisco.

It was turned over to Becker, who in five days altered the date and raised the amount from \$12 to \$27,000.

On Dec. 17 Dean deposited this draft at the Nevada bank, to his credit, and on the following day drew a check against it for \$20,000, receiving the amount in cash. McCutcher was acquitted, as nothing could be proved against him. Dean turned State's evidence, and Becker and Cregan were sentenced to life terms. Through an error on the part of the trial judge they secured a new trial on an appeal to the Supreme court. The jury disagreed, and a second trial, but on the third trial Cregan joined Dean as a witness against Becker, thereby gaining his freedom and conviction.

Becker was born in Germany and came to New York with his parents when he was 10 years old. In 1867, his first exploit as a forger, was a check for \$100,000, drawn on the Third National Bank of Baltimore of \$150,000. He returned to New York in 1876 and married a Brooklyn girl. In 1877 he robbed the Union Trust company of \$100,000, and \$64,225 by a forged check and was caught. He saved himself by turning State's evidence. Then he went abroad and left a trail of crime.

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ROOSEVELT GIVES US A PET.

JOSIAH, PRESIDENT'S BADGER, GOES TO THE BRONX.

One Little Girl's Present That President Didn't Return—Badger's Last Name Lost in the Rush of Special Train—Raccoon Dog Moved to Make Room.

Not the least interesting of the many interesting things which left Oyster Bay yesterday in the baggage car of the President's special train was Josiah, the badger. The department from Sagamore Hill meant very much to Josiah. For him the trip was no new moving from one White House to the other, as it was for Alan, the Skye terrier, which Mr. Roosevelt calls the "perfectly ridiculous dog," or for the other pets attached to the President's family. For Josiah the departure was in very fact the leaving of a happy home—the severance of all formal ties with the Federal Government.

The President had given him to the Zoological Gardens in this city, and one of Director Hornum's attendants was at the Long Island Railroad station to get him when the train pulled in. That was at 9:30 o'clock in the morning, and he didn't get to the "Zoo" until 8 o'clock in the afternoon. The most of the time between he spent in John Suson's saloon, at Third avenue and 183d street. This circumstance doesn't denote any moral perversion on his part. He couldn't help being in the saloon, and while there, according to the bartender, he behaved himself as decorously as any self-respecting badger with the best of training would be expected to behave.

The attendant left Josiah in Suson's saloon after taking the box in which he was confined up to 183d street in an elevated train. The box was too heavy to carry over to the gardens and he deposited it in Suson's place while he went for a carriage. The news that the President's badger was in the saloon spread up and down Third avenue and along the side streets like wildfire. Suson was soon packed.

Josiah brazenly poked his nose up between the slats and made a noise that sounded like a belch. He was, of course, of course, sounded horribly out of place in the general refrain of "beer, beer, beer!"

When Josiah was taken to the "Zoo" a piece of meat was given to him, and then he curled up and went to sleep. He will be taken out of his box this morning and sent in a cage to the zoo, where he will be the mascot of the day. He will be the mascot of the day. He will be the mascot of the day.

The white raccoon dog will have to give up his cage to Josiah, that the new arrival from Sagamore Hill may have a most conspicuous spot. The dog may not have to take a back seat for the sake of the raccoon dog, and as for the European badger, which is, by the way, the only other badger in the garden, he will be put up with Josiah.

Josiah had been a pet in the Roosevelt family for about six months. He was given to the President by a little girl at Sagamore Hill. She was a friend of the President's, and she was a friend of the President's, and she was a friend of the President's.

Representative George B. McClellan's friends, it was said last night at the Democratic Club, are angry because President Roosevelt, in his speech at the unveiling of the monument to the New Jersey troops on the battlefield at Antietam, failed to mention the name of Gen. McClellan, the Congressman's father.

In the event of Mr. McClellan's nomination for Mayor by the Democratic City Convention on Thursday night, his friends purpose to call attention to the campaign speech of the President, in which he failed to deliver at Antietam on Decoration Day, 1900, in which Mr. McKinley said:

"I am glad to meet the followers of Lee and Jackson and Longstreet and Johnston, and Sherman and Sheridan, greeting one another, not with arms in their hands, but with hands joined in friendship and respect for one another in their hearts."

Representative McClellan's friends also said that if Mr. McClellan is nominated they will issue pamphlets of his speech on that occasion, immediately following the issue of McKinley's. In this Mr. McClellan said:

"Nearly forty years have come and gone since that bright September morning when Lee and Jackson met to fight the battle of Antietam. The beautiful life that surrounded us, Lee and McClellan have been long dead and gone, and the only remains of the battle remains." "If McClellan is remembered as the victor and Lee as the vanquished, both conquerors in the attainment of the purpose of their lives, and both equally victorious in a far broader and far nobler sense than the merely physical, for both of them have left a name that will live for ever in the devotion to principle, both conquered self in the attainment of the purpose of their lives, and both equally victorious in a far broader and far nobler sense than the merely physical, for both of them have left a name that will live for ever in the devotion to principle."

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ACTRESS TRIES SUICIDE.

Florence Young Despondent Because Illness Interrupted Stage Career.

Florence Young, an actress, tried to end her life yesterday morning by shooting herself in the breast in her room at the boardwalk house at 128 West Forty-third street. Miss Young, who has been known on the stage as Florence Wyncliffe, has been living at the house with her sister Rose, a magazine writer. Because of ill health she had been obliged to give up work on the stage and had recently been dependent on her sister. That made her despondent.

While her sister was out of the room yesterday morning getting breakfast ready for her, the actress shot herself with a small pistol. Her sister heard the shot, and when she found out what had happened, summoned a physician. In the neighborhood, who called Coroner Scholer.

To the latter the young woman made a statement to the effect that she wanted to die because she had become a burden to her sister.

The patient was taken to Roosevelt Hospital, where the physicians later extracted the bullet. They did not know yesterday whether she would recover or not.

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JEROME AFTER THE GAMBLERS.

TO ASK THE CITY FOR \$100,000 FOR A NEW CRUSADE.

District Attorney Jerome announced yesterday that he is about to ask the Board of Estimate for a contingent fund of \$100,000 to be used in getting after the gamblers. He has no money left out of the contingent fund of \$50,000 awarded to him this year upon his request for \$75,000.

Mr. Jerome said that he knew many gambling houses are running quietly. The proprietors, he said, are men who have been running gambling houses in New York for many years. Some of them have simply changed locations. None of them is of the class known as Western gamblers.

"I have been receiving weekly reports about these houses," said Mr. Jerome, "but I have no money left to get after them. I have been paying out of my own pocket the expenses of the investigators who report to me. I hope to get it back some day. I shall ask the Board of Estimate for \$100,000 and I need it all. If I'd have got the \$75,000 I asked for last year instead of the \$50,000 that was awarded I could be doing something now. I will have to wait until January for the next appropriation."

One of the gambling houses on the list submitted to Mr. Jerome is known as the Gluey Club. It is in West Thirty-first street, is run by "Stony" and Harry Melville and is a five-story brownstone town house which is one of the handsomest in the block. In the basement is a barber shop. A dressmaking establishment occupies the parlor floor and the hallway leads to the gambling rooms on the second floor. Small steel door at the head of the stairs gives admission to the gambling parlors. Inside are two roulette wheels, one for roulette and one for roulette and roulette.

This club closed on Friday for a few days. It was "told to close." Who "told it" has not been disclosed. During Capt. O'Connor's tenure of office in the Tenderloin the place was open. It is known to professionals as a "shoe string" house. Twenty chips sell for \$2.

At the District Attorney's office it was said yesterday that the gambling season opened as usual this year with the last day of racing at Sheepshead Bay. John Kelly's Forty-first street place opened the season with a roulette and roulette and roulette.

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